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Applicant:

Carol A. DeLaVergne

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REUSABLE ENVELOPE

STRUCTURES

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COMBINED DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY IN ORIGINAL APPLICATION

As a below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and sole inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY REUSABLE ENVELOPE STRUCTURES, the specification of which is attached hereto.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

| <u>Number</u> | Country | Day/Month/Year Filed | Priority Claimed |
|---------------|---------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| None | - | | Yes No |
| | | - | Yes No |

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which occurred between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application:

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INDEPENDENT INVENTOR SMALL ENTITY STATUS STATEMENT

As below-named inventor, I hereby declare that I qualify as an independent inventor as defined in 37 CFR 1.9(c) for purposes of paying reduced fees to the United States Patent and Trademark Office with regard to the above-referenced application filed concurrently herewith.

Any person, concern or organization to which I have assigned, granted, conveyed or licensed or am under an obligation under contract or law to assign, grant, convey or license any rights in the application is listed below, and qualifies as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c), if that person had made the invention, or qualifies as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d) or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

| X | No such person, concern or organization exists. |
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| | Each such person, concern or organization is listed below. (NOTE: A separate small entity statement is required from each listed person, concern or organization) |

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